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HOUSE BILL No. 8.]

[SES. 1863.

Introduced by Mr. BROWN, of Mecklenburg.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

A BILL TO RESTRICT THE PLANTING OF COTTON
AND TOBACCO FOR THE YEAR 1864.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the*
2 *State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the*
3 *authority of the same,* That it shall not be lawful for any
4 person to plant in this State more than one acre of land
5 in cotton, and the half of one acre in tobacco, to each
6 hand employed as laborers in its cultivation. And that in
7 estimating hands, every operative on a farm or plantation,
8 actually employed in its cultivation, between the ages of
9 twelve and sixty-five years, shall be reckoned a hand.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person who shall
2 violate the provisions of this act shall be liable to indict-
3 ment by the Grand Jury in the County or Superior Court
4 of the county in which the offence is committed, and,
5 upon conviction, shall be fined at the discretion of the
6 court, in a sum not less than five hundred dollars or ex-
7 ceeding one thousand dollars, for every acre of land thus
8 planted exceeding the quantity per hand herein specified.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in
2 force for and during the year one thousand eight hundred
3 and sixty four, and no longer.

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